Unto His GRACE,

Her Majesties High COMMISSIONER

And the most Honourable The Estates of

PARLIAMENT,

The *REPRESENTATION* and *PETITION* of the Commission of the General Assembly of this National Church of *SCOTLAND.*

Scotland, Church of - General Assembly Commission

Edinburgh *January* 16*th* 1707.

Humbly Sheweth;

THAT We considering the Trust reposed in Us by the late General Assembly; Find it our Duty to lay before Your Grace and Lordships, When, as we are informed, You are about the passing of an Act of Ratification of the Articles of the Treaty of Union betwixt the two Kingdoms of *Scotland* and *England*, which contains these following words; 'Declaring nevertheless, that the Par-'liament of *England*, may provide for the Security of the Church of *England*, 'as they shall think expedient, to take place within the bounds of the said 'Kingdom of *England*, and not derogating from the Security above provided, 'for Establishing the Church of *Scotland* within the Bounds of this Kingdom, 'which shall not suspend or derogat from the force and Effect of this present 'Ratification, but shall be understood as here included, without any necessity 'of any new Ratification in the Parliament of *Scotland*: Which Clause seems to us, not only to be like a *Blank*, put, with Your Grace and Lordships Consent, in the hands of the Parliament of *England*, to Enact what they shall think fit, for securing the Hierarchy and Ceremonies of their Church: But also a Consent that it be an Article and Foundamental of the Union; And as is contained in Your Ratification, cannot but imply a manifest Homologation.

We do therefore humbly beseech Your Grace and Lordships, That there be no such Stipulation, or Consent for the Establishment of that Hierarchy and Ceremonies, as You would not involve Your selves and this Nation in *Guilt*, and as you consult the *Peace* and *Quiet* of this Nation, both in *Church* and *State*. We Pray that GOD may Bless and Preserve our gracious *Queen*, and direct Your Grace and Lordships in this and all the great and momentuous Affairs, which are or may be before You.

Signed in Name, in Presence, And at the Appointment of the Commission of the late General Assembly, by

sic subscribitur WILL. WISHEART Moderator.

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